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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1331

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SUBJECT: BUILDING MATERIALS EXHIBITION

REF: STATE 113770

1. JIDDA AIRPORT FACILITIES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR ANY DATES IN FOURTH QUARTER OF 1975. FACILITIES RESERVED FOR HAJ TRAFFIC FROM OCT 75 TO JAN 76. IN FIRST QUARTER OF 1976 THEY WILL PRESUMABLY BE AVAILABLE FROM FEB 76 TO JULY 76. (EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT RESPONSIBLE OFFICER OF SAUDI INTERNATIONAL TRADE & INDUSTRY FAIR ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO CONFIRM ITS INTENTION TO HOLD FAIR IN AIRPORT DURING MARCH 76. WILL ADVISE.)

2. MANAGER OF INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL IN RIYADH, RAYMOND KHALIFA, HAS RECONFIRMED THAT CONFERENCE CENTER IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR FAIR. HE HAS HOWEVER OFFERED TO MAKE HOTEL FACILITIES AVAILABLE. FACILITIES CONSIST OF TWO DINING ROOMS OF 50 SQ. METERS EACH, AN OUTSIDE LANDSCAPED TERRACE WITH EFFECTIVE DISPLAY SPACE OF NOT MORE THAN 200 SQ. METERS, AND PARKING AREA BEHIND THE HOTEL OF SEVERAL THOUSAND SQ. METERS. EMBASSY DOES NOT JUDGE THIS SUITABLE UNLESS FAIR WERE TO BE ESSENTIALLY AN OPEN-AIR EXHIBITION. KHALIFA WAS NOT READY TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO A RENTAL FIGURE.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, EMBASSY SEES NO ALTER-
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NATIVE TO A POSTPONEMENT OF THE MISSION TO THE

FIRST QUARTER OF 1976, WHEN EITHER THE AL-ATTAS
OR JIDDA AIRPORT FACILITIES WILL BE AVAILABLE.
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